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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



Final majority prices were unchanged in Western and Midwestern terminals, slightly lower in Eastern markets when compared to the past week. Demand from retail end users was mixed, typical for the final week of the month. Processing areas reported stronger than anticipated interest following the weekend, especially from intercompany sales. Offerings of front halves were limited with spot sales noted at higher levels. Boneless breast were in better balance and held with confidence, leg quarters for both domestic and international use were short of immediate needs, wings were available, but were not pressed for sale. WOG's were quickly absorbed when premium sizes were shown, however, heavier weights were available at first light from a few suppliers. Live supplies were adequate at desirable weights.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 7/24-07/29/00 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A (Includes branded product)			COMPOSITE	
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	50.50-52.00	50.97	16	55.56	27
Chicago	44.00-49.00	49.30	44	51.96	80
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	55.16	29
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	59.05	15
Denver	64.50	64.50	16	62.49	35
Detroit	44.00-45.50	46.99	18	54.78	49
Los Angeles	65.00	64.25	55	62.40	108
New York	49.00-52.00	50.18	28	54.20	74
Philadelphia	47.00-51.00	48.00	7	49.90	25
Pittsburgh	46.50-49.00	47.03	10	52.55	49
St. Louis	48.00-48.25	47.67	18	52.77	41
San Francisco	65.50	65.19	26	62.47	121

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	07/24/00	Change/Last Wk	07/17/00	07/26/99
653	56.25	-0.26	56.51	57.17

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	51.00-58.00	55.78	38
Central	51.00-56.00	54.21	63
West	50.00-67.00	59.48	54

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	58.50-60.00	59.56	83
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 59.75 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,207	44.00-62.00	58.19

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice pack parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	131.50	4,365
BREASTS - WHOLE	62.00	1,675
THIGH MEAT - B/S	78.50	775
LEG QUARTERS	22.50	9,240
WINGS	57.50	3,035

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NORTHEAST REGION Trucklot buying interest on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was light to fair at best. Offerings more than exceeded current trade needs with heavier birds occupying the longest position. Retail and distributive movement generally slow. The market tone was mostly weak. In the parts market, breasts remained firm. Wings were steady. The balance was barely steady to weak.

SOUTHERN REGION Trade sentiment was at least steady to instances fully steady following the weekend. Demand was moderate or better with current availability short of fill-in needs in this morning's trading. Boneless and front halves were short of needs, leg quarters were improved both for domestic and international shipments, with the balance of parts adequate for needs. Schedules were normal, weights usually desirable, with live supplies adequate for needs.

WESTERN REGION Final majority prices unchanged from last week. Offerings fully adequate with heavy weights in better balance. Demand by stores increased for whole body where features planned, moderate for parts. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Reported trading on bulk leg quarters mostly 22.5 and 4/10s generally 24.5, bone-in breasts 64-65 and boneless breasts mainly 130. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average down 2.23 to 50.02 with the volume reported down 5 percent to 21 loads.

MIDWEST REGION Final majority prices for this week's trading unchanged into all areas with Ohio TFEWR from last Monday's final. Trade sentiment on whole fryers steady to instances barely steady. Whole fryer offerings limited and Wogs fully adequate. Retail demand slow to improve, light to fair at best. Food service movement mostly moderate. Floor stocks adequate to fully adequate, sizes desirable. Parts trading was light to fair overall with offerings limited on breast items. Supplies of breast items noted in better balance, wings and tenders tight, all other parts adequate. Trade sentiment steady to firm on breast items and steady on the balance.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was light and unaggressive. Offerings were readily available on the 3 pound and larger sizes, in fairly good balance on the smaller sizes. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights were often heavier than desired. Processing schedules were moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 2 cents lower in a range of 50 to 64 cents. Trade sentiment was no better than steady. Trade sentiment was mostly weak. In the parts complex, breast items were in firm hands. Other items were fully adequate to ample for a generally light and selective buying interest.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA	
BRANDED U.S. GRADE A	
RANGE	45-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	55.24
NO. OF BOXES	7,865

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was generally fair as the week began. Breast items continued to improve. Bone-in breasts were tight and held with confidence. Boneless, skinless breasts were tight to adequate. Wings were adequate. Dark meat was usually more than adequate to ample. Retail and distributive movement was about moderate. Many breast features, particularly bone-in breast, were noted. The market tone was firm on breast items. Wings were steady. Dark meat was barely steady to weak.

PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES.

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	125-130	126.76	572,560
TENDERLOINS	170-175	176.07	161,800
BREAST - WITH RIBS	55-56	59.48	223,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	55	60.86	172,200
LEGS	35-36	34.24	392,160
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	21-22	21.15	489,226
DRUMSTICKS	36-37	35.19	129,380
THIGHS	21-22	29.83	138,060
B/S THIGHS	69-70	75.43	58,600
WINGS (WHOLE)	57-58	64.96	259,440
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.10	77,840
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	34.06	37,105
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	40-45	44.72	75,560

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

** WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,180	110.00-145.00	117-125	120.69
TENDERLOINS	81	185.00-218.00	-	191.85
BREAST - WITH RIBS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
FRONT HALVES	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEGS	320	27.00	-	27.00
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	129	18.00-19.00	18	18.31
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,454	20.25-22.00	20.25	20.30
WINGS (WHOLE)	100	47.00-64.00	50-54	51.12
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	1,020	20.00-41.00	22	21.98

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	07/24	07/20	07/20	07/17	07/13
ALA	3,922	3,739	4.77	3,926	4.84
ARK	5,154	5,028	4.66	5,016	4.70
DELMARVA	2,375	2,360	5.06	2,415	5.18
LA-TENN	2,049	1,984	4.32	2,015	4.27
MISS	2,805	2,842	4.87	2,846	4.93
NC	2,688	2,562	5.84	2,559	5.81
TEXAS	2,333	2,310	4.59	2,299	4.71
TOTAL	21,326	20,825	4.86	21,076	4.91
MON	21,326(A)			21,076(A)	

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 24-Jul2000 is estimated to be 31,906,000 up 0.88 percent from a week ago and up 5.62 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 31,627,000, last year 30,209,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	565	110.00-176.00	130-135	131.48
TENDERLOINS	229	170.00-210.00	170-175	184.80
BREAST - LINE RUN	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	92	27.00-39.00	28-29	28.57
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	347	18.00-21.00	19-20	19.62
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	958	20.00-23.00	21-23	21.83
WINGS (WHOLE)	128	52.00-55.00	53-54	53.44
WINGS (CUT)	466	66.00-85.00	65-68	68.28
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	12	24.00-39.00	-	34.00
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR JULY 24, 2000 — F.O.B. DOCK.

	TODAY'S RANGE	AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
	35.00 - 39.50	37.31	36.90

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION PARTS PRICES PER LB., ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI WEEK OF JUL 24-28/00

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	113.00 - 140.00	115.00 - 125.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	55.00 - 67.00	56.00 - 65.00
LEGS	29.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18.00 - 24.00	20.00 -
DRUMSTICKS	23.00 - 36.00	-
THIGHS	18.00 - 30.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	51.00 - 60.00	51.00 - 54.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	17.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 39.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	77-89
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	80-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	73
FROZEN DUCKS	135
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	79-83
ROASTERS 4# & UP	65-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	68
DUCKS	125
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	102-104
	ICE PACK	92-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	106-111
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	98
	ICE PACK	94
DUCKS		148-160

CENTRAL REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 21-JUL-00

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
CONTENT	DOCK		DOCK	

15% OR LESS

RANGE

WTD AVERAGE

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS

RANGE

WTD AVERAGE

122,400 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE

WTD AVERAGE

2,508,400 pounds, this includes 163,200 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE

WTD AVERAGE

0 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: AL, AR, IA, IL, IN, KS, KY, LA, MI, MN, MO, MS, ND, NE, OK, OH, SD, TN, TX, WI

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was light to no better than moderate with live offerings fully adequate for needs. Finished sales were fair with production sufficient for needs. Trade sentiment was about steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR

SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 24-JUL-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	5-12	6-9	7.24

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

EASTERN REGION PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND FOR DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS. 21-JUL-00

CHICKEN PRICES

	-----FROZEN-----		-----FRESH-----	
FAT	FOB	DELIVERED	FOB	DELIVERED
TENT	DOCK		DOCK	CON-

15% OR LESS

RANGE

WTD AVERAGE

560,000 pounds, this includes 200,000 pounds for export shipment.

CHICKEN PRICES, WITH ADDED SKIN

15% OR LESS

RANGE

WTD AVERAGE

524,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

15-20%

RANGE

WTD AVERAGE

1,769,600 pounds, this includes 208,000 pounds for export shipment.

20% OR MORE

RANGE

WTD AVERAGE

280,000 pounds, this includes 0 pounds for export shipment.

* INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING STATES: CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority trading was unchanged to slightly lower than a week earlier. Demand was light and unaggressive for fully adequate to ample offerings. Processing schedules were at least normal to heavy. The market tone was barely steady to weak.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGH-

TER THE WEEK OF 24-JUL-00

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	3-14	3-7	5.66
AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING	TOO FEW TO REPORT		
FOB PLANT	TOO FEW TO REPORT		

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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